

ARCH OVER CREEK DEMANDED BY ALL

Richmond Society of Engineers
Hears Shockoe Scheme Dis-
cussed From Many Angles.

FIRST ANNUAL MEETING

All Officers Re-Elected at Busi-
ness Session, Which Pre-
ceded Annual Dinner.

Shockoe Creek and its proposed im-
provement were discussed at every
conceivable angle last night at the
first annual meeting of the Richmond
Society of Engineers at the Business
Men's Club. That the work must be
done and at an early date, was the
opinion of the nine speakers—engi-
neers, business men, a lawyer, physi-
cian and layman.

The meeting was attended by twenty-
five members of the society, which was
formed several months ago by engi-
neers of the city. Every branch of the
profession was represented, and a
number of guests were present. A
short business session was held pre-
ceding the annual dinner, and all of-
ficers were re-elected for the ensuing
year.

From an engineering standpoint, the
proposed walling in and arching of
Shockoe Creek and Bacon Quarter
Branch, its chief tributary, is a most
interesting subject, and with speakers
unexcelled in their several lines of
endeavor, much information and light
was thrown on the subject. E. W.
Farley, who has heretofore acted as
chairman at meetings in which the
same subject was discussed, again
filled the chair, and outlined the whole
scheme.

Richmond Resembles Rome.
Richmond, said Mr. Farley, not only
resembles Rome, in that it is built on
seven hills, but its sewerage problems
are much the same. He described the
ancient city from an engineering
standpoint, and told of its excellent
system of sewers, constructed more
than 2,000 years ago. He then called
upon Charles E. Bolling, City Engi-
neer, to talk on the subject. "The
Engineering Concerned in Confining
Shockoe Creek System of Sewers,"
said Mr. Bolling, is a problem of great
importance. It is an old friend of his.
Forty years ago, he said, he was
fortunate, in having such a creek
flowing through it, provided it
was properly walled in and covered.
The creek drains an area of twelve and
one-half miles, and is capable of
handling a flow that no flood could
exceed.

Would Cost \$1,350,000.
To wall and arch the creek, a dis-
tance of three and one-half miles,
would cost approximately \$1,350,000.
Nature has done its share, and Rich-
mond should supplement this with the
money to carry on the proper destiny
of the great natural sewer, he said.
A noxious stream would be abolished
and an enormously valuable tract would
be developed for manufacturing pur-
poses, in addition to the possibility of
opening a wide boulevard that would
afford a gateway to the northern sub-
urbs. He explained at length the en-
gineering difficulties to be overcome
and how the work could be accom-
plished in two years if started prop-
erly.

**The Menace to Health by the Un-
covered Shockoe Creek System of
Sewers,** was the branch of the sub-
ject treated by Dr. E. C. Levy, Chief Health
Officer. No matter what the records
show, said Dr. Levy, an open sewer is
one of the worst menaces to health
conceivable. The walling in of the
creek, in his opinion, would be one
of the greatest health measures ever
carried out by the city and that the
work should be undertaken as quickly
as a bond issue could be floated to
cover the cost.

Would Convert Waste Land.
It is hard to calculate the benefits
to the manufacturing interests to be
derived from the conversion of sev-
eral acres of waste land in the
center of the community into business
sites, said William T. Reed, vice-presi-
dent of the Chamber of Commerce,
talking on the subject of "The Manu-
facturing Point of View." He knew
of no improvement of more value and
said that the chamber would co-oper-
ate in getting a bond issue to carry
on the work.

R. S. Crump, talking from "The City
Point of View," said that the work
should be undertaken as quickly as
possible.

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In Time for Christmas Gifts

New Marabou

One-Third Under Price

On Display, First Floor.

We received late yesterday afternoon a special shipment
of new Marabou and Ostrich pieces from one of the leading
New York houses.

The shipment consists of high-class Muffs and Neck-
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They were sold at prices far under their real value,
due to the very protracted mild weather.

Black, natural and fancy effects. It's the opportunity of
the winter of securing a handsome Neckpiece or Muff at a
very low price.

Muffs

\$4.49, were \$5.50. \$8.98, were \$12.00.
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\$6.75, were \$9.00.

Neckpieces

\$2.25, were \$3.00. \$5.98, were \$8.00.
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zen's Point of View," dwelt upon the
value of the by-products of the work,
and described the improvement to pri-
vate property, its increase in assess-
able values, and the benefits of the
great highway proposed by Mr. Bol-
ling. In planning the city improve-
ments, he said, the Council should look
forward to the time when it will be
considerably larger than at present,
and pointed to the fact that six miles
of the territory it is proposed to an-
nex is drained by the creek.

Benefit to Jobbers.
"The Business Men's Point of View"
was discussed by Alvin M. Smith. He
too, thought that a bond issue should
be authorized at once to carry on the
work. He explained the benefits the
improved Shockoe Valley would give
the shippers and jobbers. There would
be room in the converted section suffi-
cient for 210 jobbing houses, each em-
ploying about fifty men, and thus pro-
viding a living for 10,500 men and
their families. It would also be an
ideal location for the proposed govern-
ment armor plant and other manu-
facturing concerns. The beautification
of the valley should also be considered,
he thought.

Colonel C. P. E. Harwyn, who re-
cently completed a survey of the creek
for the purpose of estimating the cost
of its improvements, thought that the
boulevard proposition was the best and
most valuable part of the whole
scheme, and would be worth the whole
cost.

Creek Is Public Nuisance.
The last speaker was Murray M. Mc-
Guire, attorney for the American Lo-
comotive Works, who spoke on "The
Legal Aspects." The work must be
done, said Mr. McGuire, and someone
will do it. Shockoe Creek, in his opin-
ion, is a public nuisance, and as such
can be abated. It is an injury, he
said, to the public health, and to the
manufacturing interests. It is the first
city to suffer from such a source,
and what other places have
done to abate such nuisances will be
done here eventually if the city
fathers do not wake up to their duty.
The business session was held at
7:30 o'clock. All officers were re-elected,
as follows:

Arthur S. Crump, president; James
Bolton, vice-president; D. P. Pilcher,
treasurer; Edwin Wortham, secretary;
and John B. Price, H. C. Schmidt, L.
L. Bass and W. W. LaPrade, council.
Mr. S. Crump made an address at

the beginning of the social session,
taking as his subject "The Relation of
the Richmond Society of Engineers to
the Community." The work of the so-
ciety was described, and the methods
by which the society could co-operate
with the city were outlined at length.

Shert—Baker.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Winchester, Va., December 18.—Robert
C. Shert and Miss Mary Catherine
Baker, members of well-known Win-
chester and Frederick County families,
were married yesterday by Rev. George
S. Rogers, D. D., at the parsonage of
Grace Lutheran Church.

Engagement Announced.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Charlottesville, Va., December 18.—Mr. and
Mrs. H. H. Hargrave has announced the en-
gagement of their daughter, Miss Gladys
Hargrave, to Mr. John H. Hargrave, a
graduate of the University of Virginia,
where she took a special course in de-
sign. The nuptials will be celebrated in Feb-
ruary.

Baynes—Owen.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Petersburg, Va., December 18.—Mrs. J. E.
Owen, of this place, has issued cards an-
nouncing the marriage of her daughter, Miss
L. Mae Owen, to Mr. J. E. Baynes. The
marriage took place in Roxboro, N. C., on
Wednesday.

Invitations Out.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Harrisonburg, N. C., December 18.—Invitations
to the marriage of Miss Ray and Miss
Ray to Mr. and Mrs. Ray, to take
place in Asheville, December 27.

Sellers—Fitzpatrick.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Greensboro, December 18.—Carl De-
Witt Sellers, of this city, and Miss
Viola Fitzpatrick, of Knoxville, Tenn.,
were married on Monday evening at
the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. J.
P. Smith, on Monday evening. The bride
was accompanied by her father, Mr. C.
W. Byrd, who was the officiating
minister. The marriage was a very
quiet affair, and the only attendant
was the ring-bearer, little Jack Pon-
ville, a nephew of the bride. The
couple left on northbound train No.
18 for a trip to New York. Upon re-
turn they will reside with Mr. and
Mrs. Ponville until Mr. Sellers' new
home is completed on North Elm
Street.

Warrants Withdrawn.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Staunton, Va., December 18.—Warrants
against the four negroes arrested Tuesday
at the polls, charged with having sold their
votes to the local candidates, were
withdrawn this morning when the
cases were called in Police Court.

VILLA PROMISES PROTECTION TO NONCOMBATANTS

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the suburbs so the guerrillas are prac-
tically undisturbed.

Failure to receive an expected ship-
ment of ammunition from Europe on
December 1 has seriously embarrassed
the government. The supply turned
out by the Federal arsenal is inade-
quate and of low grade.

Property valued at \$2,500,000 has
been seized by the rebels in Tepic ter-
ritory in the past two weeks.

No attention is to be paid to Za-
pata's demands for the surrender of
the capital.

It is suspected that Zapata has been
obtaining supplies of ammunition from
traitorous members of the garrison in
this city and elsewhere.

Conditions "More Favorable."
Washington, December 18.—State
Department officials expressed the
opinion to-day that conditions in Mex-
ico were "more favorable."

No intimation was given as to the
nature of changes in the situation, re-
garded as indicating improvement.
Much interest is manifested here in the
excellent disturbances in the finances
of Mexico involving runs on banks and
the issue of currency without security
regarded as substantial.

The opinion was expressed in some
quarters that the Huerta government
might receive financial support from
the large land and mine owners in
Northern Mexico, who heretofore have
been supposed to occupy an attitude
of neutrality as between the contending
factions, but who may now adopt
allegiance to the Huerta cause, as a
result of the confiscation of their
properties by General Villa, the rebel
leader.

Several changes among warships in
Mexican waters were ordered to-day.

The gunboat Wheeling will go from
Tampico to New Orleans, so her crew
can have shore leave. The gunboat
Dolphin will return from Dominican
waters to Mexico. The cruiser New
Orleans has been ordered from the
Puget Sound yard to relieve the cruiser
Maryland at Topolo Bampo.

The battleships Connecticut and
Kansas, detained at Guantanamo,
Cuba, upon their return from the Medi-
terranean cruise because of smallpox
on the Ohio, probably will proceed to
Veracruz within a day or two, to re-
lieve the New Hampshire and Louisi-
ana, which will sail north.

Meanwhile, the battleship Michigan
will remain on duty in the Gulf, re-
lieved by the Ohio, which has been
ordered to Charleston, S. C., for funi-
gation.

Mormon Resident Executed.
Juarez, December 18.—William
Rever, Mormon resident of one of the
colonies in Chihuahua, was executed
Wednesday by military men. He was
Maximo Castillo's band, because he did
not have money to pay a loan demanded
by Castillo's followers. He was an
American who arrived here from the
Cassas Grande country to-day.

Maximo had asked \$200 for the
"war fund." He did not have the sum,
and was shot to death.

Mexican residents now in the Chihu-
hua colonies are being maltreated in
every way by Castillo's followers,
which has split up into small bands.
The military men are being taken by
Castillo's men and are being de-
manding from \$100 to \$1,000 are being de-
manded.

So far the Constitutional force sent
from Juarez has not been successful
in running to earth Castillo's
band. Maximo's men were killed and
few taken prisoners. Because of the
bandits the latter were executed on the
field by Villa's soldiers.

Villa Takes Personal Command.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Chihuahua, December 18.—Consti-
tutionalist Telegrams—General Con-
stitutionalist Villa, commander of the Consti-
tutionalist forces, left Chihuahua
for the south to direct the troops moving
towards the city of Mexico.

General Villa's troops proceeded Gen-
eral Villa to the south by several days,
and it is true that General Vallejo's
cannon force of 3,000 men, with thirty
cannon, are not moving north of Tor-
reon, and does not even control the
entire town, as a portion of the city
is in control of Villa's men and Gomez
Palacio, a suburb of Torreon, is also
in the power of Constitutional
forces.

A campaign of extermination such
as was inaugurated by the Federalists
during the Madero administration, in
the State of Morelos, against Zapata
families and sympathizers, will be
launched against Villa's force in the
State of Chihuahua when the Fed-
eralists re-enter that state, according to
Federal sympathizers here.

When the Federalists entered Torreon
a week ago, the Federalists and their
cannon and machine guns were fired
on the city in order to drive out the
Villaists, who had been driven out of
town. Many buildings were razed by
the shots and by the fires which re-
sulted.

Villa Forces Refugees to Pay.
El Paso, Texas, December 18.—More
refugees who arrived to-day reported
that before General Villa's troops en-
tered, they were ordered to pay \$5,000
for the train to avoid being seized,
but later decided to pay the demand
rather than remain in Chihuahua. The
Americans said they had been permitted
to go unmolested.

The only business transacted in Chi-
huahua at present is that pertaining
to the confiscation of property by the
rebels, according to the refugees.

George C. Carrothers, United States
consular agent at Torreon, was sent
on a special mission to see Villa, re-
ferred with some of the refugees. It
is understood Mr. Carrothers was sent
to talk personally with Villa in regard
to recent events in Chihuahua.

Rebel headquarters at Juarez to-day
had advised that the Federal troops
now at Ojinaga, on the border, would
attempt soon to interrupt communi-
cation between Juarez and Chihuahua.
Word came from Ojinaga that the Fed-
eralists were carrying several months'
provisions across the United States
border.

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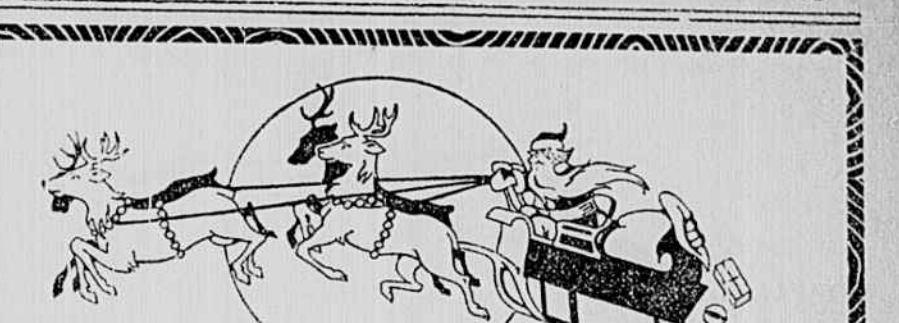
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extended an invitation to Mrs. B. B.
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evening session.

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may live without friends, we
may live without books, but
civilized man cannot live
without cooks." Believing
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St., New York, has estab-
lished The Dixie Dining Room
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served both "a la carte" and
"tabled'hote." This is merely
one of many features ap-
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Southern patronage. The
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ern States was discussed by the re-
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The evening session was devoted to
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